

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant submits this Amendment, together with a Form PTO 1449 (2 pages), in reply to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2004.

In this Amendment, Applicant amends the specification and adds new Figs. 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, and 6.

Before entry of this Amendment After Final, claims 9-22 were pending in this application. After entry of this Amendment After Final, claims 9-22 remain pending in this application.

The originally-filed specification, claims, abstract, and drawings fully support the amendments to the specification and the addition of new Figs. 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, and 6. No new matter was introduced.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings and allowed claims 9-22.

Claims Allowed

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's statement that claims 9-22 are allowed.

Objections to Drawings

Applicant adds new Figs. 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, and 6. These new figures show views of a wire and two embodiments of the cord of the present invention. Applicant submits that new Figs. 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, and 6 resolve the Examiner's objections to the drawings.

Form PTO 1449

Although Applicant recognizes that information considered in parent applications need not be resubmitted [MPEP 609, Subsection I.A(2)], Applicant includes a Form PTO 1449 so that

the Examiner does not need to prepare another Form PTO-892 and the information may be printed on the face of the patent.

Claim Scope

In discussing the specification, claims, abstract, and drawings in this Amendment, it is to be understood that Applicant is in no way intending to limit the scope of the claims to any exemplary embodiments described in the specification or abstract and/or shown in the drawings. Rather, Applicant believes that Applicant is entitled to have the claims interpreted broadly, to the maximum extent permitted by statute, regulation, and applicable case law.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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